

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 25, 2015
TOWN HALL
6:30 PM**

Board of Selectmen Members Present: David A. Smith, Jr., Chairman
Nadine A. Hawver, Clerk

Board of Selectmen Members Absent: Rene C. Wood

Finance Committee Members Present: David Steindler, Chairman
Colin Smith, Vice Chairman
John James
David Macy

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Alicia Dulin, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Members of the public

Chairman Steindler and Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

David Macy moved to approve the meeting minutes from the February 11, 2015 meeting, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

FY 2016 BUDGET:

Discussion ensued regarding the increase in the school budget and decreased school enrollment. Discussion ensued regarding free cash. It was the consensus of the Finance Committee that free cash is too low. Selectman Hawver stated that she encourages the Committee to think about the tax payers who cannot afford these increases in their taxes. The Finance Committee agreed to have Chairman Steindler sign the letter to the School Committee the topic of which was voted on at the previous meeting.

The following budgets were discussed and approved:

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Moderator's budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$227, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Selectmen's budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$197,413, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Board of Assessors budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$92,932, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Town Clerk budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$62,330, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Elections and Registration Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$8,950, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Conservation Commission budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$4,180, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Planning Board budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$5,400, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$2,030, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Town Report and Communications budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$6,000, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Legal Services budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$30,000, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Dispatch Services budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$9,137, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Inspectional Services budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$63,770, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to recommend the approval of the Fire Hydrants budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$18,091, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Board of Health budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$7,165, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith moved to recommend the approval of the Veterans Benefits budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$30,000, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Energy budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$140,000, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

David Macy moved to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Hawver moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by Chairman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Smith and Chairman Steindler adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Dulin
Assistant to Town Administrator

Documents were reviewed at this meeting:
Minutes from the February 11, 2015 Meeting

Draft Letter to the Southern Berkshire Regional School District Regarding FY16 Budget
Selectman Woodø's Comments on the FY16 Budget
Draft FY16 Budget